Ltd., Calcutta and a Maharashtra State Government Agency for setting up of a unit for manufacture of processed extruded snacks, processed nut potato chips and non-alcoholic beverage bases/essences in a backward district of Maharashtra by setting up a new company to be known as BRITCO Foods Pvt. Ltd. Reserve Bank of India has granted approval to M/s. Kellog Company of USA to enter into financial-cum-technical collaboration with proposed Indian company viz., M/s. Kellogg (India) Limited for setting up of cereal processing unit in Raigarh District, Maharashtra under automatic approval schemes.

(c) Yes, Sir. For encouraging the growth of food processing industry Government have placed all food processing industries except brewing and distillation of alcoholic drinks/beverages in the list of priority industries and have liberalised foreign technology agreement, foreign investments, foreign collaborarations etc. Government provided fiscal relief by abolishing/reducting excise duties on a large number of processed food items and reducing customs duties on a large number of food processing machinery and equipments. For export promotion, various incentive schemes havve been announced and export import policy have been liberalised.

Food Processing units in Bihar

1815. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any scheme or action plan for the development and establishment of food processing industries in the State of Bihar;

(b) if no, what are the details thereof;

(c) if answer to (a) above be in the negative whether Government propose to make a survey in Bihar about its suitability for setting up food processing industries in the State and advise the industrialists including multinationals to set up food processing units in Bihar; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (d) While this Ministry does not set up food processing units in any State directly, the Ministry has formulated several development plan schemes for providing assistance to State Governments/State Government Organisations/Cooperatives/Joint Sectors/ Assisted sectors of for setting up, modernisation/diversification of food processing units in any parft of the country including State of Bihar. These schemes interalia include assistance for setting up/ enlarging/modernising fruit and vegetable processing units. meat, pork, popultry and egg processing units, fish processing units, cold chain, modernisation of rice hullers food procesing training centres and studies including survey and project report preparation for food processing sector. No request has been received from Government of Bihar sseeking assistance for survey/studies.

World Bank funds for deep sea fisheries

1816. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food and Agricultural Organisatiou of the United Nations has recently recommended to the World Bank to make available funds for the development of deep sea fisheries in India;

(b) if so, the expected funds Government likely o get from the World Bank;

(c) the details of the plans of the Government to utilise the funds; and

(d) the extent to which the development of deep sea fisheries would be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) While forwarding a Report submitted by FAO Consultant on Study of Deep Sea Fisheries Development in India, FAO has intimated that